

## JEAN ELIOT'S LETTER

## A Chronicle Society

**S**UBAN DEAR—Still they come, a veritable avalanche of engagements, and the end is not in sight. Right now I know of two perfectly good betrothals to be announced shortly and, I suspect, ever so many more. This week has brought the news that Genevieve Walsh is to marry Paymaster Emmet Gudgeon, of the Mayflower, on the 5th of April, and that the marriage of Catherine Birney and Ensign James Hale Strong will also be an event of the spring. And Hugh Boutelle's engagement to Marion Malins Bourne, of Kennebunk, Me., is also of great interest in these parts.

Catherine Birney had planned an autumn wedding, but Mr. Strong, who was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1912, expects to be ordered to sea in the fall, and it seemed best to be married earlier and make the most of the shore duty which now falls to his lot. They will spend the summer at Newport.

The Cuban legation announces the marriage of Carlos de Cespedes y Quenda, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cuba to the United States, and Madame Laura Bustin, which took place yesterday in New York.

The ceremony was performed by Mayor Mitchell, in his office, the bride wearing a brown velvet costume with a pictureque feather hat. Her hair was arranged in an elaborate style of her face in the Latin fashion.

The witnesses were, for the Cespedes family, Comandante Pablo Velez, for the Bustin family, Count Dr. G. Mellon, and the Cuban consul general in New York.

After an informal wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Cespedes left New York for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Madame Cespedes is a native of Rome and her husband first met her in the city of the Eternal City. She was married to her first husband in 1912. Dr. Cespedes y Quenda is the son of Cuba's first president, and was educated in this country, France and Germany. In the last Cuban revolution he was a member of the cabinet of Enrique de Céspedes and a colonel in the revolutionary army. After the war he was president of the Cuban house of representatives and later minister to Italy, special envoy to Greece and minister to Venezuela. Recently he was appointed secretary of the nationality commission of the American Republics in the Pan-American Union.

One of the notable events of the week was a dinner and card party given by William B. Fowler, at the Willard. After dinner the party played bridge, after which the guests were entertained by the dancing. The decorations were in pink and white, and the same color scheme was carried out at the card party.

Commissioner and Mrs. Oliver P. Keenan, Commissioner and Mrs. Louis K. Brown, Senator and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Congressman and Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Congressman and Mrs. K. D. McKelvey, Miss Anne H. Wilson, Congressman and Mrs. Walter N. Chandler, Miss Anne Sims, Joseph E. Love, Miss Harriet Taylor, C. H. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reside, Colonel Perkins, Miss Harding, Wilbur H. Zeph, Miss Walters and Charles E. Lawrence were there and all had a good time.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Thomas W. Gregory were among the dinner guests of last evening. Then came, in all, were Senator and Mrs. William B. Fowler, Congressman and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Congressman and Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Congressman and Mrs. K. D. McKelvey, Miss Anne H. Wilson, Congressman and Mrs. Walter N. Chandler, Miss Anne Sims, Joseph E. Love, Miss Harriet Taylor, C. H. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reside, Colonel Perkins, Miss Harding, Wilbur H. Zeph, Miss Walters and Charles E. Lawrence were there and all had a good time.

Mr. John E. Waggaman, who is in the hospital now for a short visit, spent last week with a number of delightful dinner parties. The Waggamans have been in the city for some time and at their home on 15th street, near the old Willard, they have been the center of many social gatherings. Their home is a beautiful one, and the Waggamans are very popular in the city.

The enthusiasm for the game has carried him to the extent of establishing an indoor golf course in the back room of the old Waggaman building on Louisiana avenue, where a large group of Washington society men are assembling daily.

At present time an interesting tournament is taking place between members of the Columbia Country and Chevy Chase clubs, including in the number Walter Tuckerman, Steven Thompson, Ormsby McAdams, General Walker, John Childress, John Davidson, Sam Dalsell, and a number of others. So far the two men nearest winning the prize of the four prizes offered are Sam Dalsell and John Childress.

Yachting is almost as important a part in the indoor game as skill. It is really very exciting and extremely interesting to watch a match.

Capt. C. C. Marsh, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Marsh, who was Miss Charlotte Evans, daughter of "Fighting Bob" Evans, are again in Washington, after having spent the last several months in Italy and Switzerland. They are now Mrs. Marsh, who makes her home in a new old house in Indiana avenue, a beautiful old house, in a delightful old-fashioned part of town, surrounded by old-fashioned gardens. Mrs. Marsh's sister, Mrs. Sewall, is now in Newport, but expects to come to Washington about Easter time.

Mrs. Washington's reputation as a great deal of pleasure the attractive stage the Board had at last been struck the lifeline of the admiralty, a cottage that was constantly filled with guests, and where hospitality was a by-word.

Julia Ellis, daughter of Major and Mrs. William Moffatt Ellis and granddaughter of President Tyler, has come up from her father's plantation, Madison, near Roanoke, Va., to be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. and Sophie Radford, near the West Coast, and is having a glorious time. She is a pretty little thing, only seventeen, and this is her first visit to a big city, so she is enjoying it to the fullest extent. She is on her way to New York to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Thompson.



MISS DORIS MOORE.

Miss Doris Moore is wearing the most stunning engagement ring imaginable. A great white diamond set high in platinum, which is so finely cut and chased that it appears flexible and studied without artificiality. This engagement ring is truly lovely. Now, I think the favorite style being apparently a single diamond in a fancy platinum setting, which returns all the romance of the solitaire with the added charm that it allows for originality and variety in design.

Ruth Bliss is wearing a ring that is a splendid example of this. A beautiful diamond set in a design of platinum studded with tiny rubies and with her initials and Captain Watkins' worked into the band close to the stone. Tudelle Hughes' ring is plain as to setting, but the diamond is peerless.

Wandering up Bancroft place the other day on my way to see Ruth Bliss, it suddenly occurred to me to make a list of the number of attractive boys and interesting people congregated in that one short block. It is a block, moreover, where things happen for there have been no less than three buds and three brides there within the last year with another wedding scheduled for the spring. The street has been a little busy with the wedding of Margaret Clements, Lord Reside and Ruth Wilson, all decorated on its poster, while Elizabeth Henderson, James Lawson and his family, the Littlehalls, the Thomases, the Lees, the Blisses, the Whitmans, the Crosses, who live in the great broad red brick house at the corner of Bancroft and Phelps place, the house that has the lovely rose garden, and who are known all over the town for their interest in philanthropy and civic betterment work.

Moreover, in the last few years, three Cabinet officials have made Bancroft place their home. Jacob M. Dickinson, who was Secretary of the War in the Taft Administration, Walter Fisher, Secretary of the Interior, both of whom occupied the same house at different times, then entered and George Corbell, Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury, who is now president of the Consolidated Gas Company in New York.

Capt. and Mrs. Paul C. Brennan, of the Medical Corps, U. S. A., are interesting additions to the army and navy colony of Washington, having recently returned from the Philippines, where they have been stationed for the last few years. They will be in duty at the Walter Reed Hospital.

Congressman and Mrs. Fred Britton are planning a most wonderful trip, the only drawback being that they will be away from Washington for over eight months—and that is principally a drawback to their friends. They go first to San Diego for a look at the exposition, then by motor to Los Angeles and San Francisco, and late in March they will sail for the Orient. They expect to land at Manila, stopping off for a visit in Honolulu en route, and later will go to China, taking the trip up the Yangtze River and visiting many of the inland cities, then Manchuria, Korea, and Japan.

Doesn't it sound fascinating? Mr. Britton is planning to make a study of conditions, but they are primarily on pleasure bent.

A celebration was in order at Washington Baracks yesterday for five of the young officers were commissioned first lieutenants, Henry Holcomb, Fred Miller, Ernest Somerville, Snowden Skinner, and Roscoe Crawford.

To be sure the promotions will not be signed, sealed, and delivered until some time between now and March 1, but they will date from yesterday, and truly that is a very quick promotion as several of this group graduated from West Point only last spring. These fortunate young men are the last who will profit by the eight-year increase bill of a few years ago, which provided for an addition of ten dollars to the pay of each year for the first five years, and thus rendered promotion extremely rapid, and earned for that branch of the service the name of the "olive corps."

Many hostesses are leaving Monday evening open for the famous Mc-Cartney ball, which is to be given at the Raleigh to raise funds for the establishment of a permanent headquarters for the relief of the poor of our own city, and the entertainment is raising the interest of many prominent Washingtonians.

There will be an interesting program headed by Mrs. William G. Brown, Jr., formerly Isotta Jewell, who says she is always glad to do something for Washington, which has done so much for her. There will be a distinguished certain committee and the patronesses include most of the distinguished women in Washington who are interested in civic betterment and municipal affairs.

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Mrs. Joseph H. Lamm, Mrs. George H. Wilder and Mrs. Archibald Hopkins. About thirty ladies heard and enjoyed Mrs. Benet's talk. She spoke in a charming and convincing manner, for she knows what she was talking about, having worked daily in the hospital for several months. Mr. Benet left Washington for New York last Wednesday, and Mrs. Benet will join him there the first of the week.

Capt. Andrew Parker was host at dinner last evening at the Cosmos Club, when he entertained some twenty or thirty members of the old Columbia Bicycle Club. John Joy Edson, Jr., came on from Pittsburgh for the occasion, a number of others came from long distances, and the party was a true reunion, many of the members not having seen each other for twenty years or more.

The club was disbanded a year or two ago, after languishing for some time since the bicycle fell into disfavor, at the time when the Government bought the property on which the clubhouse stood on Fifteenth street, just south of Keith's.

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"The Star-Spangled Banner."

verse, his "Lover's Rosary" being a delightful collection of sonnets and quatrains.

Quite in keeping with the Indian atmosphere of Edwin Curtis' "In the Land of the Headhunters," was the play given last night at the Naval Academy by the Masqueraders, the Academy dramatic club. Mrs. Wetherpoon's son, Midshipman Alexander Wetherpoon, is manager of the club, and incidentally plays a quite prominent part in the performance.

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Washington, for both Captain and Mrs. Jewett are immensely popular.

Moreover, they felt some reluctance in leaving, for they have come to regard the Capital as home—indeed, it is home for Mrs. Jewett, who was a Washington girl, Nannie Hume, who has a large family connection here. She is a sister, you know, of Howard Hume, who married Doris Haywood. The Jewetts have already given up their quarters at the Baracks and are the guests of Mrs. Jewett's mother, Mrs. Frank Hume, until they leave for the west coast.

Capt. John J. Kingman has been appointed adjutant since Captain Jewett's departure, and the arrival of two new captains is expected daily—Capt. John S. Hodges and Capt. Thomas E. Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hume, by the way, have taken possession of their attractive home in Jefferson place, a house which has belonged to Doris' mother, Mrs. Haywood, for years, but which has been remodeled and decorated after the most modern fashion. The steps have been cut away, and there is now an English basement entrance, and altogether the house is a charming little nest. In the intervals of luncheon, teaing and dining, Doris is busy with her pretty fingers with the hundred-and-one pleasant tasks that accompany the making of a home.

Dorothy Alechire and Colonel and Mrs. Trent's two attractive daughters, Margaret and Katherine, slipped off to Annapolis on Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Wetherpoon, to attend the play given last night at the Naval Academy by the Masqueraders, the Academy dramatic club. Mrs. Wetherpoon's son, Midshipman Alexander Wetherpoon, is manager of the club, and incidentally plays a quite prominent part in the performance.

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Rear Admiral McGowan has resumed his daily visits to the Army and Navy Club, after a long siege of illness, and has been welcomed with open arms by his cronies, and the younger men who congregate at the club, with whom he is very popular.

Pretty Nina Stockton, with her pink cheeks and corn flower blue eyes, is a great belle these days at Annapolis, where she and her aunt, Mrs. George C. Reid, are established at Carvel Hall, after spending most of the winter at Warrenton. Mrs. Reid finds the quaint old Maryland town very attractive, and Nina is having a lovely time.

I am off for a horseback ride in the country, so I will save any other news which may be at hand for next week. In the meantime I hope to hear from you. Fondly yours, JEAN ELIOT.

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